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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO PRIORITY

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TAGS: OGEN, CE, MV

SUBJECT: LETTERS OF CREDENCE AND LETTERS OF RECALL

1. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS STAFF WISHES TO REVIEW PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND OF LETTER OF RECALL WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENTS OF MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA. POST MAY WISH TO CONSULT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1972 CONCERNING AMBASSADOR VAN HOLLEN'S ARRIVAL CEREMONIES.

2. REQUEST CONFIRMATION FROM MALDIVIAN EMBASSY IN COLOMBO THAT PARA 4 OF ABOVE LETTER REMAINS CURRENTLY USED PROCEDURE: "IN THE CASE OF YOUR PRESENTATION OF THE ORIGINALS OF YOUR LETTER OF CREDENCE AND LETTER OF RECALL FOR MALDIVES ITS GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT YOUR ADDRESS NOT BE READ BUT SIGNED AND UNDER COVER, AND PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT WILL PERSONALLY HAND OVER HIS REPLY TO YOU, SIGNED AND UNDER COVER".

3. WE ALSO REQUIRE CONFIRMATION THAT PRESIDENT NASIR IS ALSO GOM MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ALSO THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURE RE SRI LANKA WHERE THE AMBASSADOR  
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MAKES A BRIEF ADDRESS TO THE PRESIDENT AFTER PRESENTING AND

READING HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE.

5. REQUEST REPLY ASAP. KISSINGER

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